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Indication of Affiliation by GRA Personnel in Attendance at
Professional Meetings or Conferences

1. GRA, as well as other Agency personnel in attendance at various professional meetings, conferences, institutes, symposia, etc., are repeatedly faced with the problem of answering questions regarding their place of employment or the nature of their work. Most meetings ask for such information so that it may be used in publishing a list of persons attending the meetings, and casual conversations often lead up to the matter. The overriding need of Agency personnel to avoid any unnecessary disclosure of their connection with CIA creates a situation which requires a good deal of care and discretion, and for which there is only general guidance available. There is no specific regulation which clearly defines procedures to be followed in this matter. The following guidance is but an interpretation of what we understand the position of the Security Office to be in these matters at the present time, and may be used in connection with attendance at non-international meetings held within the United States.

2. Five examples of cover or designation of affiliation are listed below. It is pointed out that a cover or affiliation that may be acceptable in one instance is not necessarily usable in another, as Security requirements vary with the nature and complexion of the particular meeting that is to be attended. The cover of affiliation proposed for use at any meeting must be checked out with Security through St/A/RR in each instance in order to assure its appropriateness.

a. Agency

A number of overt Agency employees are permitted to use CIA as an affiliation in many instances, if they so desire. It is emphasized, however, that in so doing they are widening the area in which their connection with CIA is known and this may in turn materially affect eligibility for certain kinds of TDY and for PCS assignments that may be proposed in the future.

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